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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report  
(As of 9:00 a.m. EDT)

1. The Arab states, while maintaining solidarity in public for the common cause against Israel, are continuing to be plagued with problems among themselves which limit the effectiveness of their participation. Syria, still smarting over the Nasir-Husayn detente, has not yet permitted its media to publish Husayn's trip to Cairo, the Egyptian-Jordanian defense pact, the return of Shuqayri to Jordan, or the expected dispatch of Iraqi troops to Jordan. The Syrian press on 3 June was still referring to King Husayn in slanderous terms, such as "the dog who howls." There are also continuing rumors of the arrest of Nasirists in Aleppo and Damascus.

3. An Embassy dispatch from Jordan quotes Jordanian Chief of Staff Khammash as saying that Jordan's government has no intention or desire to loosen the close bond between the US and Jordan. He said that Husayn still does not trust Nasir and that Shuqayri and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) will

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not be permitted to operate in Jordan. He added that Jordan hoped war could be avoided and, if it could, that the Arabs would become disillusioned with Nasir and the war fever. In turn, he hoped Jordan's signing of the defense pact would shift the burden of the Palestine problem to Nasir's shoulders. Khammash confirmed that Jordan will not allow the Mount Scopus convoy to pass on 6 June but that it would permit UNTSO to operate the convoys on behalf of the Israelis. He also noted that Jordan was experiencing great financial strain as a result of the crisis and there would be difficulty in meeting Jordan's payrolls. He pointed out that the diversion of the Green Island had hurt the US image in Jordan and that he hoped we could fly in at least a token amount of its cargo.

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6. There is no new information to change the conclusions of the Watch Committee meeting of 31 May which indicated that Israeli and Arab forces remain at a high state of readiness.

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11. Libya has announced it will offer "all facilities" for the passage of Algerian troops to Egypt. According to the Egyptian news agency, Libyan Foreign Minister al-Bishti said that Libya will not allow Wheelus Air Base to be used for "aggression" against any Arab country, and that action to liquidate the base is a legal right of the kingdom. Al-Bishti pledged full support for the UAR.

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13. Jordanian troops opened fire today on a light Israeli airplane over Jerusalem. A Jordanian spokesman said the single-engine reconnaissance aircraft was over Jordanian territory, apparently attempting to photograph troop dispositions. The Israelis say Jordanian fire also was directed at an Israeli position near no-man's-land. There were no casualties in either incident.

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